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# Amazing Works

## *Giving Thanks with J.O.Y.*

The Reverend Dr. Joseph Mante, known in Ghana as Osofo JOY, visited LA June 28th through July 5th this year to re-connect with friends and supporters of the Amazing Grace School as well as meet with the Directors of the Adom Partnership International (API). It was a fantastic time reviewing the history of the school, from 4 to 470 students in 16 years, and visioning for the future. Osofo JOY is the director of the Adom Foundation, Ghana, which oversees the Amazing Grace School, as well as the President of the API Board of Directors.

It was also a constructive time as the school needs became clear to those of us who met. Over the last 10 years, through child and teacher sponsorships, board giving and one time gifts, API has been able to raise almost \$50,000 a year for Amazing Grace. This has been just enough to keep the school afloat. Though God has provided time and time again, it has meant that the Amazing Grace teachers have been paid below the national average, our school programs and activities have never been fully funded, and our school superintendent, Mama Florence,

has worked full time with no pay for most of the schools existence. For the long term sustainability of the school, we need to meet these needs.

This has compelled API to plan a campaign on behalf of the school that will extend throughout the Easter Season with the specific purpose of meeting those needs. Our goal is to raise \$30,000 for the purpose of fully funding the school programs, raising teacher salaries to the nation's average, and providing the school's superintendent with a \$500 a month salary. We believe that in meeting those goals we will secure better teachers for our students, provide a better education to the students, and provide Mama Florence with a long overdue compensation for the work she has and continues to do.

Keep us in your prayers as we seek God's guidance and provision for the students and the school. We will keep all of our friends and supporters updated on the details of the campaign through the website, letters, and on facebook.



*Learning Is Fun!*

### **Back To School: By the Numbers**

The 2010-2011 School Year has begun for Amazing Grace. Attending the school this year are:

- 250 Boys and 219 girls.
- 98 in the Nursery Class.
- 80 in the two Kindergarten Classes.
- 213 in grades 1 - 6.
- 88 in Junior Highs 1, 2 and 3.

Headmaster Yaw Antwi Boakye asks that we pray for good health for the staff and the students of Amazing Grace School, the parents to be committed to the welfare of their wards, and the community to understand the saving power of Jesus Christ.



*The Amazing Grace Staff - Pray for their wisdom, health, and strength. Mama Florence is in the front middle, Headmaster Boakye is in the front left.*

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## *Amazing Grace and Nathaniel*

Florence Mante was teaching in a junior high school in Ghana when she felt God lay on her heart the desire to support some of the less fortunate in her society. With the help of her husband, the Rev. Dr. Joseph Mante, and the support of some American friends they began the ministry of the Amazing Grace School to help needy children stay in school and get educated, giving them an opportunity to see a brighter future. In 1994 the school began with only 3 children.

Nathaniel Anokye began attending the school that first year. He writes "Amazing Grace is a reputable institution which was established in 1994. I entered the school at that time and finally completed my junior high education in 2005. This school was set up to serve as an outstanding repository for the entire nation, Ghana. This has been the backbone of my success. I had nothing called knowledge, but this school trained me. In order to make me find things easy as a means of grasping concepts, the teachers wrote poems, riddles, and stories for me to learn and recite especially to welcome visitors (American friends). Besides my academic work the school also helped me financially by sponsoring my education. When our mother left our Dad with eight kids to follow another man, things



*Recent Graduates: Eric Aidee, Ruth Boakye, and Nathaniel Anokye*

were difficult for us but I was fed freely in the school and other things were given at no cost. There were times that I play truant but the headmaster came after me. I played in a well and got Bilharzia and Mrs. Mante brought a medical team to screen us and was treated at no cost. I hereby express my profound gratitude to the school board, especially Mrs. Mante and the Headmaster, the teaching and non-teaching staff, and the friends and supporters from America for preparing me to enter the University Of Cape Coast where I am taking courses in Mathematics and Business. I promise to do my best and come out successful. May God bless you all."

## *Water is Flowing Freely*

Last Christmas season API started The Well Project with the goal of raising \$5000 towards the drilling of a well at the Amazing Grace School. The school was having to purchase water monthly from local water trucks, the cost was excessive, the quality was suspect, and the headaches were plenty. With most of the money raised by February, the well became a reality. In her Fall report Mama Florence wrote "Praise the Lord! The school now has a



borehole and water is flowing." With the well drilled, a pumping machine has been placed on the hole and it pumps water into the giant plastic tanks and will supply water to the various blocks when all pipes are laid and connected. Speaking of the impact of the well on the school, Osofo said, "you don't really know how great it is to have water until you've gone a long time without it." As you can see, the children are making the most of it.



*The Water Tower*